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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on an issue that I feel is of great importance to the country and the economy: the proposed settlement of the Microsoft case.

The case was a wrongheaded exercise of raw political power from the outset. It operated from the faulty economic assumption that big is always bad. It was prompted in great part by the inability of Microsoft's competitors to compete not because Microsoft precluded them from competing, but because their products just could not compete with the quality of Microsoft's.

IF MERGEFIELD PARA2 But clever people like me who talk loudly in restaurants, see this as a deliberate ambiguity. A plea for justice in a mechanized society.<> "" "

I hope the concessions made by Microsoft in the areas of systems configuration, pricing, and industry relations will suffice to finally end this case. It does the economy no good to have one of its main engines locked away in Court.

Thank you for your time and attention.

IF MERGEFIELD PARA4 Ecce homo ergo elk. La Fontaine knew his sister, and knew her bloody well.<> "" "

IF MERGEFIELD PARA5 But is suspense, as Hitchcock states, in the box. No, there isn't room, the ambiguity's put on weight.<> "" "

Sincerely,

Irmgard Wilson